



Miami Art Museum

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MIAMI ART MUSEUM RECEIVES PEACOCK FOUNDATION, INC. GRANT

Miami Art Museum (MAM), South Florida's flagship museum featuring international art of the 20th and 21st centuries, has received a \$30,000 grant for its educational programs in 2005-2006 from Peacock Foundation, Inc.

"Through the generosity of civic-minded organizations like Peacock Foundation, Inc., MAM has created the largest art museum education program in Miami-Dade County," MAM Director Suzanne Delehanty said. "The education funding provided by Peacock Foundation, Inc., as well as other foundations, corporations and individuals, directly enhances the quality of life for our community. We very much value this important relationship."

The grant from Peacock Foundation, Inc. will provide support for three of MAM's educational programs:

o MAM & Schools

MAM & Schools provides museum tours and activities led by MAM's professional gallery teachers. Teachers also can schedule free classroom pre-visits by the museum's gallery teachers to prepare students for their visit to MAM. In addition, Miami Dade County Public Schools can request free busses on a first-come, first-served basis. Twice a year MAM also offers educators professional enrichment workshops designed to explore teaching strategies and interdisciplinary connections to works of art in MAM's permanent collection and special exhibitions. Workshops include private tours, hands-on activities and discussions with curators, artists, or scholars.

o Second Saturdays are Free for Families

Every Second Saturday from 1 – 4pm, MAM admission is free for families. This monthly program for drop-in visitors features fun hands-on activities for children and adults. It is built around interactive museum tours and hands-on workshops where children become artists for an afternoon. Second Saturdays also regularly include live music, storytelling, guided tours, gallery games, and dance performances.

o MAM in the Neighborhood

Through MAM in the Neighborhood, Miami Art Museum collaborates with community-based organizations and county agencies over the summer months to serve Miami-Dade County's youths, especially in disadvantaged areas. The free MAM in the Neighborhood program includes pre-visits to community centers, museum visits focusing on exhibition tours led by gallery teachers, MAM Funpacks filled with art supplies that encourage young people to use MAM exhibitions as a springboard for creating their own artwork and post-visit activities with supplies provided by MAM.

For more information on MAM's educational programs call the Education Office at 305.375.4073.

Established by Henry B. Peacock, Jr. in 1947, the mission of Peacock Foundation, Inc. is to enhance and promote the good health and well being of children, their families, and underprivileged persons in Southeast Florida. The Foundation has provided nearly \$20 million in charitable funding since it was established.

Accredited by the American Association of Art Museums, Miami Art Museum is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts; with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Cultural Affairs Council, the Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners.

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